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# EMPIRE

## Wardell Masterpiece -- A New Red Raspberry

**O**RIGINATED on the fruit farm of L. E. Wardell twelve years ago, the original seedling is as strong and as vigorous as a new plant; the influence and the environments of the raspberry country is responsible for the birth of this new hybrid—perhaps the most eminent red-raspberry revealed in the world; the past season it netted back from the commission house (\$1000 per acre).

**B**EYOND all expectation, on my visit last season at the solicitation of the originator, I inspected a field of (EMPIRE) raspberries on L. E. Wardell's Fruit Farm, Ulster County, N. Y. The sight, the picture of this field of (EMPIRE) in full bearing, the wonderous fruitage of the canes, the vigor and physical strength of cane growth is beyond belief - - - raspberry canes growing to a height of ten feet in one season sending arms eighteen long yielding raspberries as large as dunlop strawberries. Can you imagine keeping EMPIRE raspberries four days after picking and not a single berry showed a trace of blue-mold which is so destructive to most all red raspberries when shipping.

—TICE C. KEVITT.

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### Report of New York Experiment Station on New and Worthy Fruits

**E**MPIRE is one of the most promising new red raspberries on the Station grounds, having hardiness, productiveness, vigor of bush, healthiness and large, handsome, firm, well-flavored fruits as its chief assets. The canes need no winter protection in this region; equal any other variety in productiveness; are unusually vigorous, reaching a height of six or eight feet; and this season, 1916, when anthracnose was everywhere rampant, showed but a trace of this disease. A peculiarity of the canes is that in mid-summer they are purplish-red but become brown at the close of the season. The berries average larger than those of the well-known Cuthbert, and are about the same color as those of that variety; they ripen a little earlier and have a longer picking season. The fruits are mild, rich and sweet so that the variety may be ranked among the best in quality. The texture is firm and without doubt the berries will stand shipment well and may be kept long. With such an array of good characters, it seems certain that EMPIRE must take high standing among commercial red raspberries.

### PRICES

#### STOCK IS LIMITED

#### STRONG ROOTED TRANSPLANTS

|                        |        |                        |         |
|------------------------|--------|------------------------|---------|
| Six Plants for         | \$2.00 | Twenty-five Plants for | \$ 6.50 |
| Twelve Plants for      | 3.50   | Fifty Plants for       | 12.00   |
| One Hundred Plants for |        | \$20.00                |         |

25 Plants the second season will yield over 50 pint cups  
of luscious raspberries.

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**EMPIRE RED RASPBERRY.** The most promising red raspberry grown today; having hardiness, productiveness, vigor of bush, healthiness and large, handsome, firm, well-flavored fruits as its chief assets. As a commercial berry it is far ahead of any other in cultivation at the present time. For the garden it is far superior to other varieties, as its adaptability to all kinds of soils and its excellent canning qualities make it a great acquisition.